

Kentucky Agri-News

Published Monthly
Volume No. 29, Issue No. 12
Released: December 15, 2010

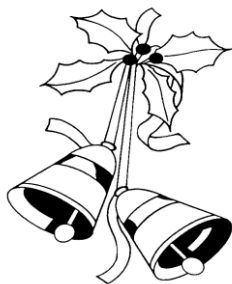


United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

Kentucky Field Office
Leland E Brown, Director
PO Box 1120
Louisville, Kentucky 40201-1120
(502) 582-5293 or (800) 928-5277
Email: nass-ky@nass.usda.gov

In cooperation with the
Kentucky Department of Agriculture
Richie Farmer, Commissioner

Featuring: ► **Exports** ► **County Rankings** ► **Milk Production** ► **Agricultural Prices** ► **Chicken & Eggs**
► **Dairy Products** ► **Cold Storage** ► **Livestock Slaughter** ► **Farm Labor**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from the staff of
USDA, NASS, Kentucky Field Office

FY 2011 EXPORTS, IMPORTS, AND TRADE SURPLUS PROJECTED AT RECORD HIGHS

Fiscal 2011 agricultural exports are forecast at a record \$126.5 billion, up \$13.5 billion from the August forecast and \$17.8 billion above final 2010 exports. Exports are forecast to exceed the previous record set in 2008 by more than \$11.5 billion. Sharply higher unit values for leading export commodities account for most of the forecast increase in value.

Soybean exports are forecast up more than \$5 billion from the August forecast due to higher unit values along with strong demand from key markets such as China. Grains are up nearly \$4 billion due mostly to higher corn and wheat export unit values. Wheat exports are also expected to benefit from reduced export competition. Cotton exports are forecast up \$2 billion mostly on higher unit values as U.S. and global stocks tighten. Beef exports are forecast up on strong Asian demand while horticultural exports are expected down slightly. Asia accounts for more than half of the increased forecast, with China up more than any other market (\$2.5 billion) to \$17.5 billion and only half a billion less than the top market of Canada.

The import forecast for 2011 is moved up to \$85.5 billion, an 8.2-percent increase over 2010. Consumer spending for food and beverages has climbed recently, as has disposable personal income. The projected import growth in 2011 reflects about 2-3 percent volume gain and 6 percent increase in import unit values. Major commodities inflating the U.S. import bill include coffee beans, cocoa beans, coconut oil, palm oil, rubber, and sugar.

U.S. Agricultural Trade, Fiscal Years, 2006 - 2011 - Year ending September 30

| Item | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Fiscal 2011 | |
|-----------------|------|------|-------|------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | | | | | Aug. | Nov. |
| Billion dollars | | | | | | | |
| Exports | 68.6 | 82.2 | 114.9 | 96.3 | 108.7 | 113.0 | 126.5 |
| Imports | 64.0 | 70.1 | 79.3 | 73.4 | 79.0 | 81.5 | 85.5 |
| Balance | 4.6 | 12.1 | 36.0 | 23.0 | 29.7 | 31.5 | 41.0 |

This outlook reflects commodity forecasts in the Nov. 9, 2010, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report.

COUNTY RANKINGS: KENTUCKY'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL COUNTIES

| Item | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2009 Farm Cash Receipts: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | Fayette | Graves | Woodford | McLean | Todd | Christian | Hickman | Bourbon | Daviess | Logan |
| Crops | Christian | Daviess | Graves | Logan | Union | Henderson | Todd | Calloway | McLean | Hickman |
| Livestock | Fayette | Woodford | Graves | McLean | Bourbon | Hickman | Todd | Jessamine | Webster | Barren |
| 2009 Crop Production: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corn for Grain | Christian | Union | Daviess | Henderson | Logan | Graves | Todd | Hickman | McLean | Simpson |
| Soybeans | Henderson | Daviess | Graves | Union | Christian | Logan | McLean | Fulton | Hickman | Webster |
| Winter Wheat | Christian | Logan | Todd | Simpson | Trigg | Daviess | Warren | Caldwell | Calloway | Graves |
| Burley Tobacco | Barren | Shelby | Breckinridge | Bourbon | Allen | Daviess | Harrison | Christian | Fleming | Green |
| Dark Fire Tobacco | Calloway | Graves | Christian | Trigg | Todd | Logan | Caldwell | Muhlenberg | Lyon | - |
| Dark Air Tobacco | Logan | Todd | Daviess | Christian | McLean | Webster | Henderson | Hopkins | Muhlenberg | - |
| Alfalfa Hay | Mason | Lincoln | Fleming | Bourbon | Mercer | Shelby | Hart | Nicholas | Nelson | Henry |
| Other Hay <u>1/</u> | Barren | Warren | Marion | Pulaski | Monroe | Breckinridge | Hardin | Casey | Adair | Madison |
| Livestock & Dairy | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cattle & Calves, Jan. 1, 2010 <u>2/</u> | Barren | Pulaski | Lincoln | Allen | Warren | Madison | Monroe | Bourbon | Adair | Clark |
| Beef Cows, Jan. 1, 2010 <u>3/</u> | Barren | Pulaski | Warren | Madison | Monroe | Bourbon | Breckinridge | Adair | Lincoln | Allen |
| Milk Cows, Jan. 1, 2010 <u>4/</u> | Barren | Adair | Logan | Marion | Metcalfe | Lincoln | Warren | Christian | Fleming | Todd |
| 2007 Farms | Barren | Warren | Pulaski | Graves | Shelby | Hardin | Grayson | Breckinridge | Hart | Adair |
| 2007 Cropland | Christian | Daviess | Graves | Logan | Union | Henderson | Barren | Warren | Todd | Breckinridge |

1/Adair and Madison tied for 9th. 2/Allen and Warren tied for 4th. 3/Madison and Monroe tied for 4th. Adair and Lincoln tied for 8th. 4/Logan and Marion tied for 3rd. Lincoln and Warren tied for 6th. Christian, Fleming and Todd tied for 8th.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the **23 major States** during October totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 3.3 percent from October 2009. September revised production, at 14.5 billion pounds, was up 3.7 percent from September 2009. The September revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,767 pounds for October, 47 pounds above October 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 52,000 head more than October 2009, but unchanged from September 2010.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - (Dollars)

| COMMODITY | UNIT | KENTUCKY | | | US |
|----------------------|------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | NOV 2009 | OCT 2010 | NOV 2010 | NOV 2010 |
| | | Entire Month | | Mid-Month a/ | |
| All Corn b/ c/ | Bu. | 3.62 | 4.62 | 4.90 | 4.59 |
| Soybeans b/ | Bu. | 9.63 | 10.70 | 11.50 | 11.20 |
| Winter Wheat b/ | Bu. | 4.85 | NA | NA | 6.04 |
| Alfalfa Hay, baled | Ton | 150.00 | 130.00 | 130.00 | 117.00 |
| All Other Hay, baled | Ton | 75.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 | 95.50 |
| All Hogs | Cwt. | 38.10 | NA | NA | 47.20 |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 38.00 | NA | NA | 47.40 |
| Sows | Cwt. | 41.00 | NA | NA | 42.70 |
| All Beef Cattle d/ | Cwt. | 70.60 | 87.40 | 88.20 | 94.10 |
| Steers & Heifers e/ | Cwt. | 80.00 | 98.00 | 99.00 | 100.00 |
| Cows | Cwt. | 41.00 | 54.00 | 54.00 | 51.90 |
| Calves f/ | Cwt. | 90.00 | 103.00 | 104.00 | 122.00 |
| Sheep | Cwt. | 45.00 | NA | - | - |
| Lambs | Cwt. | 105.00 | NA | - | - |
| Hog-Corn Ratios g/ | Bu. | 10.5 | NA | NA | 10.3 |

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight. NA-Not Available.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

| ALL U.S. WAREHOUSE STOCKS | | | | Oct 10 % of | |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Commodity | Oct 31, 2009 | Sep 30, 2010 | Oct 31, 2010 | Oct 09 | Sep 10 |
| Frozen Poultry | | 1,000 lbs | | Percent | |
| Chicken | 635,994 | 711,197 | 733,500 | 115 | 103 |
| Turkey | 517,463 | 473,745 | 417,389 | 81 | 88 |
| Ducks | 5,240 | 4,891 | 3,417 | 65 | 70 |
| Total Frozen Poultry | 1,158,697 | 1,189,833 | 1,154,306 | 100 | 97 |
| Meat | | | | | |
| Total Frozen Beef | 427,716 | 396,818 | 402,003 | 94 | 101 |
| Frozen Pork | | | | | |
| Bellies | 37,127 | 4,817 | 23,225 | 63 | 482 |
| Total Frozen Pork 1/ | 516,300 | 424,322 | 478,181 | 93 | 113 |
| Total Meat 2/ | 1,027,761 | 984,048 | 970,830 | 94 | 99 |

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION

| Type | Oct 2009 | Sept 2010 | Oct 2010 | Oct 10 % of | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| | | | | Oct 09 | Sep 10 |
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | |
| Beef | 2,275.7 | 2,252.9 | 2,237.8 | 98 | 99 |
| Veal | 12.2 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 93 | 101 |
| Pork | 2,089.0 | 1,883.3 | 2,002.9 | 96 | 106 |
| Lamb & Mutton | 14.3 | 13.1 | 13.1 | 92 | 100 |
| Total U.S. | 4,391.2 | 4,160.5 | 4,265.2 | 97 | 103 |
| Total KY | 55.9 | 48.3 | 50.9 | 91 | 105 |

UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

| Type | Oct. 2009 | Oct. 2010 | 10 % of 09 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Egg Production | | | |
| Eggs Produced (Million) | 7,696 | 7,675 | 100 |
| Average Layers (000) | 335,819 | 335,846 | 100 |
| Eggs Per 100 Layers | 2,292 | 2,285 | 100 |
| Egg Type Hatchery | | | |
| Eggs Set Nov. 1 (000) | 34,541 | 38,646 | 112 |
| Chicks Hatched (000) | 37,566 | 41,263 | 110 |
| Broiler Type Hatchery | | | |
| Eggs Set Nov. 1 (000) | 579,357 | 618,051 | 107 |
| Chicks Hatched (000) | 730,698 | 766,978 | 105 |

U.S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, OCTOBER 2010

| PRODUCT | Oct. 2009 | Sept. 2010 | Oct. 2010 | Change from | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| | | | | Oct 09 | Sept 10 |
| | (000) Pounds | | | Percent | |
| BUTTER | 113,084 | 113,790 | 121,559 | 7.5 | 6.8 |
| CHEESE | | | | | |
| American Types 1/ | 349,403 | 353,837 | 363,666 | 4.1 | 2.8 |
| Mozzarella | 278,106 | 291,023 | 291,769 | 4.9 | 0.3 |
| All Other Types 2/ | 235,276 | 233,772 | 237,190 | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| Total | 862,785 | 878,632 | 892,625 | 3.5 | 1.6 |
| FROZEN PRODUCTS | | | | | |
| | (000) Gallons | | | Percent | |
| Ice Cream (Hard) | 68,602 | 74,089 | 61,264 | -10.7 | -17.3 |
| Frozen Yogurt (Total) | 5,936 | 5,727 | 4,425 | -25.5 | -22.7 |
| MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS | | | | | |
| Ice Cream Mix | 37,020 | 41,526 | 34,678 | -6.3 | -16.5 |
| Yogurt Mix | 3,079 | 3,471 | 2,682 | -12.9 | -22.7 |

1/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 2/ Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, OCTOBER 2009 & 2010

| Type | Number Slaughtered | | Total Live Weight | | Avg Live Weight | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | 1,000 head | | 1,000 lbs. | | Pounds | |
| Kentucky | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1,882 | 1,594 | 953 | 976 |
| Hogs | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ | 1/ |
| Sheep & Lambs | 0.8 | 0.7 | 90 | 86 | 110 | 117 |
| United States | | | | | | |
| Cattle | 2,886.1 | 2,865.9 | 3,772,940 | 3,705,877 | 1,312 | 1,298 |
| Hogs | 10,319.2 | 9,733.5 | 2,799,982 | 2,685,057 | 272 | 276 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 218.7 | 202.3 | 28,596 | 26,292 | 131 | 130 |

1/Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

U.S. HIRED WORKERS UP 4 PERCENT, WAGE RATES UP 2 PERCENT

There were 1,157,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of October 10-16, 2010, up 4 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 826,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 331,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.13 per hour during the October 2010 reference week, up 20 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.49 per hour, up 27 cents from last October, while livestock workers earned \$10.27 per hour compared with \$10.28 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.43 per

hour, was up 19 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.7 for hired workers during the survey week, up 7 percent from a year ago.

The number of hired workers in the 3-State Region including Kentucky, West Virginia, and Tennessee totaled 22,000 during the week of October 10-16, 2010. Field workers in the region were paid \$9.87 per hour compared to \$9.85 during the same period last year. Livestock workers were paid \$9.72 per hour compared to \$10.38 last year. The wage rate for all hired workers in the 3-State Region was \$10.60.

Internet Access: Data including this report are available free of charge on our Internet homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ky>. Links to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center and other web sites related to Kentucky Agriculture are also included. National & State reports and data are available on the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service homepage located at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>
